

Tree Planting Application Instructions for Metro Nashville Properties

If the property is located in the Richland Creek, Mill Creek, Brown's Creek, Hurricane Creek, **Whites Creek**, or Stones Rivers watersheds, MWS prefers that you partner with the Tennessee Division of Forestry Riparian Buffer Program (<http://www.state.tn.us/agriculture/forestry/rbp.shtml>). Please contact Reggie Reeves for additional information (615-837-5430).

Requirements:

- Completed TDOF or MWS application form.
- Site plan showing planting locations, species, size, areas to be maintained (mowed, bush-hogged, mulched, etc.), and undisturbed areas. Native vegetation suitable for riparian areas should be planted and can be selected from the following lists:
 - [Native Plants of the Tennessee Valley](#)
 - [Landscaping with Native Plants, Middle Tennessee](#)

No single species should constitute more than 20% of the plantings. In residential areas, trees should not be planted within 30 feet of an occupied property. Tennessee One Call (811) should be contacted early during site planning to determine the location of utilities. **Trees should not be planted closer than 10' on either side of a water or sewer line.** If you wish to plant under or near power lines, please contact NES or TVA if power line appropriate species can be used. Also contact Metro Greenways (862-8400) to determine if a greenway is planned for the site. Trees should not be planted in areas where they would be removed for trail installation. If seedlings are used, a buffer of ball and burlap and/or container trees or shrubs should be planted along the street facing side at a density of one plant per 10 feet. Other planting styles are permissible and can be developed in coordination with TDOF and MWS. The site plan can be drawn on an aerial image.

- Management Plan designed to ensure the survival of the trees through the first 2 years. Trees > 1" caliper need to be watered during the dry summer months. Dead trees should be replaced the following winter.
- Public Education / Notification Plan: The public should be informed of the planting with signs posted on the property at least one month prior to the event. The sign should give the date of the event and a contact phone number for questions. MWS would prefer the event be open to neighborhood volunteers. Door hangers with event information shall be distributed to all homes within 100 yards of the property.
- Signed waiver from all participants.